

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-9 and 11-22 are now pending in the application. Claim 10 is cancelled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102 AND § 103

Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as being clearly anticipated by GB 2275871. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 2275871. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites, "a system having a pressure sensor interconnected with said at least one supply line for providing a signal to an individual to indicate that said fire extinguishing medium from said reservoir is being communicated through said supply line to said nozzle." Contrary to this GB 2275871 only teaches providing a control unit 44 and temperature sensors 46, 48 to determine if a selected temperature has been reached. See, pg. 8, Ins. 2-6. Therefore, GB 2275871 does not teach a system to provide a signal to indicate that a fire extinguishing medium is being communicated through the line. In fact, GB 2275871 teaches away from this by requiring that several temperature sensors are provided both in the ceiling and on the fuselage of the aircraft. GB 2275871 further teaches away from such a system in that the lines are pressurized when an initial warning temperature is reached while no fluid is being provided out of the nozzles. Thus a pressure sensor would be worthless since the lines are pressurized based solely on the temperature sensors. See page 8.

Claim 1 has been amended, to expedite prosecution of the present application, to recite a pressure sensor. A pressure sensor is neither taught nor fairly suggested by GB 2275871.

Therefore claim 1 and each of the claims depending directly or indirectly therefrom are in condition for allowance. **If the Examiner does not believe that Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance the Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant's representative prior to mailing an Advisory Action.**

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for noting allowance of claims 9 and 11-21.

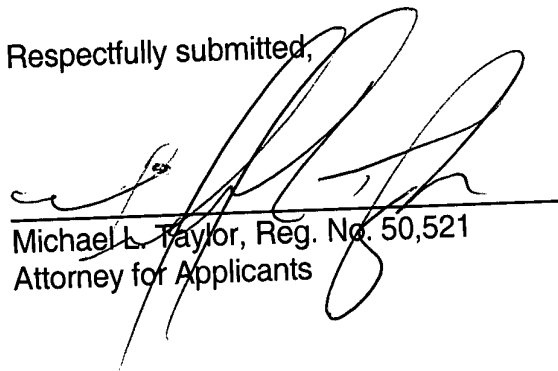
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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